

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A recording system, comprising:
a generation device generating process information for indicating a content of a process in a specific system; and
a recording device performing a process for recording the process information of the specific system in ~~a centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems including the specific system and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that collectively and ~~centrally~~ undistributively stores a plurality of pieces of process information of the plurality of systems, in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked.
2. (currently amended) A recording system, comprising:
a generation device generating process information for indicating a content of a process in a specific system; and
a recording device performing a process for recording the process information of the specific system in a shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems including the specific system and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that collectively stores a plurality of pieces of process information of the plurality of systems, in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked, and
wherein whenif the storage medium stores output identification information related to an output content of a preceding process before a current process in the specific system, said generation device generates service identification information of the current process, obtains the output identification information of the preceding process from the storage medium, generates input identification information related to an input content of the current process, generates output identification information related to an output content of the current process by concatenating the input identification information and the service identification information into the output identification information and generates the process information of the specific system

by relating the service identification information, the input identification information, the output identification information and a content of the current process to each other.

3. (currently amended) The recording system according to claim 2, wherein whenif the input content of the current process includes a plurality of pieces of input data, said generation device generates input identification information related to each piece of input data, generates input group identification information for grouping a plurality of pieces of input identification information corresponding to the plurality of pieces of input data and attaches relationship between the plurality of pieces of input identification information and the input group identification information to the process information of the specific system.

4. (currently amended) A retrieval system, comprising:
a retrieval device performing a process for retrieving data from ~~a centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that undistributively ~~centrally~~ and collectively stores process information for indicating a content of each process of the plurality of systems in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked; and
a generation device generating the process history from the information obtained from the storage medium by retrieval.

5. (currently amended) A retrieval system, comprising:
a retrieval device performing a process for retrieving data from a shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that collectively stores process information for indicating a content of each process of the plurality of systems in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked; and
a generation device generating the process history from the information obtained from the storage medium by retrieval, and
wherein whenif the storage medium stores service identification information, input identification information that is related to an input content and that is generated from output identification information related to an output content of a preceding process, output identification information that is related to an output content and that obtained by concatenating the input identification information and the service identification information into the output identification information, and a content of a process as the process information for each

process of the plurality of systems, said retrieval device obtains a plurality of pieces of service identification information, input identification information and output identification information of a plurality of processes that are stored in the storage medium, and said generation device generates the process information based on relationship among the plurality of pieces of the obtained identification information.

6. (original) The retrieval system according to claim 5,

wherein said generation device generates the process information by obtaining both an output identification information of a preceding process before a specific process and service name information of the specific process from both input identification information and service identification information included in output identification information of the specific process and by repeating a same process for the output identification information of the preceding process.

7. (currently amended) A retrieval system, comprising:

a retrieval device performing a process for retrieving data from ~~a centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that ~~undistributively~~ centrally and collectively stores process information for indicating a content of each process of the plurality of systems in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked; and

a process device processing information using the information obtained from the storage medium by retrieval.

8. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for enabling a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

generating process information for indicating a content of a process in a specific system;
and

recording the process information of the specific system in ~~a centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems including the specific system and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that ~~undistributively~~ centrally and collectively stores a plurality of pieces of process information of the plurality of systems, in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked.

9. (currently amended) A recording system, comprising:

generation means for generating process information for indicating a content of a process in a specific system; and

recording means for performing a process for recording the process information of the specific system in a ~~centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems including the specific system and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that undistributively ~~centrally~~ and collectively stores a plurality of pieces of process information of the plurality of systems, in a format where a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked.

10. (currently amended) A retrieval system, comprising:

retrieval means for retrieving data from a ~~centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that undistributively ~~centrally~~ and collectively stores process information for indicating a content of each process of the plurality of systems in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked; and

generation means for generating the process history from the information obtained from the storage medium by retrieval.

11. (currently amended) A retrieval system, comprising:

retrieval means for retrieving data from a ~~centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that undistributively ~~centrally~~ and collectively stores process information for indicating a content of each process of the plurality of systems in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked; and

process means for processing information using the information obtained from the storage medium by retrieval.

12. (currently amended) A propagating signal for propagating to a computer a program for enabling the computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

generating process information for indicating a content of a process in a specific system; and

recording the process information of the specific system in an undistributed ~~a centralized~~ and shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems including the specific system and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that undistributively ~~centrally~~ and

collectively stores a plurality of pieces of process information of the plurality of systems, in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked.

13. (currently amended) A recording method, comprising:
generating process information for indicating a content of a process in a specific system;
and
recording the process information of the specific system in ~~a centralized~~ an undistributed shared storage medium that is shared by a plurality of systems including the specific system and is commonly accessed by the plurality of systems and that ~~undistributively centralized~~ and collectively stores a plurality of pieces of process information of the plurality of systems, in a format such that a process history of the plurality of systems can be tracked.

14. (currently amended) An electronic data interchange system, comprising:
first and second systems exchanging business transactions where each business transaction has a transaction process history; and
~~an undistributed~~ a centralized shared, commonly accessed, collective storage system collectively and ~~undistributively centrally~~ storing the transaction process history of each business transaction, allowing access to the transaction process history of each business transaction by said first and second systems, and
wherein the first and second systems track the business transactions using the transaction process history of each business transaction stored in said storage system.

15. (currently amended) A business transaction tracking system, comprising:
first and second systems performing and exchanging business transactions where each business transaction produces a transaction history; and
~~an undistributed~~ a centralized storage system ~~undistributively centrally~~ storing the transaction history of each business transaction and allowing access to the transaction history by said first and second systems, and
wherein the first and second systems track the business transactions using the transaction history of each business transaction stored in said ~~undistributed~~ centralized storage system.